

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) on Thursday voted with colleagues in the House to pass the Department of Defense Appropriations bill, which will fund DOD programs in fiscal year 2010. The House version of the bill includes four local projects.

"The Central Coast is recognized as a world-class center for defense education and language training, and this funding bill for the Department of Defense enhances that reputation," said Rep. Farr. "The list of vital national and homeland defense programs is long, and all of our uniformed men and women and civilian employees do us proud."

Local projects included in the bill:

- Center for Defense Technology and Education for the Military Services: \$7 million. Some of these funds will go toward several Naval Postgraduate School programs designed to increase the effectiveness of counter-insurgency and irregular warfare.
- Cybersecurity and Operational Identity Management: \$2 million. This program will identify and solve highly classified issues related to cybersecurity and identity protection. Funds go to the Defense Manpower Data Center and its partners, the Naval Postgraduate School and the Defense Personnel Security Research Center.
- Field Experiment Program for Special Operations: \$2 million. This NPS research program is structured to help meet unique challenges facing deployed Special Operations Forces.
- Translation and Interpretation: \$2 million. These funds will continue an initiative at the Monterey Institute for International Studies to complement national foreign language capacity building.

The bill, which passed by a vote of 400-30, awaits Senate consideration. Once the Senate acts, the two versions will be reconciled, then sent to the president for signature.

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